Meeting Date: Presenter: Attachment:	January 4, 2016 Will Doerfer, NCACC/ICMA Fellow Yes
ITEM TITLE:	OCRACOKE NOISE ORDINANCE UPDATE
SUMMARY:	Assistant County Manager Will Doerfer will present update on the Ocracoke Noise Ordinance.
RECOMMEND:	Discuss.

Motion Made By: Earl Pugh, Jr Barry Swindell Dick Tunnell	Motion Seconded By: Earl Pugh, Jr Barry Swindell	Vote:	Earl Pugh, Jr. Barry Swindell
Ben Simmons John Fletcher	Dick Tunnell Ben Simmons John Fletcher		Dick Tunnell Ben Simmons John Fletcher

Decibel Level Report January 4, 2016 Will Doerfer, NCACC/ICMA Management Fellow

### Purpose:

To establish a baseline noise level for the Village of Ocracoke.

### **Data Collection:**

Daytime: December 15, 2015 between 11:30 AM and Noon Nighttime: December 15, 2015 approximately 6:00-6:30 PM

Using the Hyde County Sheriff's decibel meter, Deputy Mutro and I took readings from the Community Center parking lot, Gas Station parking lot, and the terminus of Silver Lake Drive.

### Data:

The range of decibel readings recorded on December 15, 2015 was 32.6 to 62. The average reading was 43.23 dB (32.6+43+43+45+34+59+62+59+57+53+47=475.6/11=43.23). And the modal reading was 47 dB.

#### **Results:**

Daytime in Community Center Parking lot revealed a noise level minimum of 47 dB absent wind and acute noise production from any single identifiable source.

Deputy Mutro reciting "ABC's" in a conversational tone at 20 feet resulted in a decibel reading of 53.

Wind gusts absent any other identifiable single source of noise yielded a reading of 57 dB.

Nighttime reading in Community Center Parking lot at approximately 1800.

At a distance of 50 feet from the edge of Irvin Garrish Highway, Deputy Mutro drove her cruiser at the speed limit and the resulting reading was 59 dB. Shortly after, a large pick-up truck drove by at an unknown speed with a reading of 62 dB at the same distance.

Speakers playing music on the front porch of the Gas Station building measured 59 dB at a distance of 20 feet.

The lowest decibel reading in the middle of the community center parking lot at approximately 50 feet from Highway 12 with no traffic, detectable wind, or identifiable sound (other than the above mentioned speakers on the Gas Station porch) bounced between 43-45 dB.

Terminus of Silver Lake Drive approximately 1830. Absent all identifiable noise sources and sheltered from the wind the lowest decibel reading obtained was 32.6. This number was altered by a nearby cricket which raised the level to approximately 34 dB.

### **Analysis:**

December 15, 2015 was a very quiet day on Ocracoke. There were very few tourists; several restaurants and shops were already closed for the season; and there were no events or other gatherings of people. There were occasional gusts of wind, but for the most part it was a very quiet day. In order to measure the sound of passing traffic, Deputy Mutro had to drive on the road because there was so little activity.

Shortcomings of this report include absence of ability to recreate the busy summer-time environment for comparison. There was also an inability to identify a single source of noise for several of the readings. The report was unable to account for the effects of wind on noise carrying from one location to another. Lastly, it seemed that the less ambient noise, the more sensitive the decibel meter was. For example, at the end of Silver Lake Drive, it was so quiet that a cricket was able to raise the reading from an unknown distance or direction.

### **Recommendation:**

I recommend that the Board consider these readings to be the absolute lowest readings attainable in the village on Ocracoke Island.

Meeting Date: Presenter:

January 4, 2016 Will Doerfer

Attachment:

Report

ITEM TITLE:

NCACC/ICMA Fellow Monthly Activity Report

**SUMMARY:** 

Monthly report of activities and accomplishments

**RECOMMEND:** 

RECEIVE REPORT

Motion Made By: Earl Pugh, Jr. Barry Swindell Dick Tunnell	Motion Seconded By: Earl Pugh, Jr Barry Swindell Dick Tunnell	Vote:	Earl Pugh, Jr. Barry Swindel Dick Tunnell
Ben Simmons John Fletcher	Ben Simmons John Fletcher		Ben Simmons John Fletcher

Will Doerfer
Special Assistant County Manager
NCACC/ICMA Local Government Management Fellow
Monthly Report for December 2015:

- Continue the data gathering process for the duck depredation permit
  - Including researching alternatives
  - o Gathering supporting documents
  - o Gathering community input
  - Speaking with NCWRC Game Officials
  - o Speaking with USDA Animal and Plant Health director
  - o Gathering credentials and plans for trapper and duck farmer
  - o Adopt-a-Duck planning
  - o Speaking with media contacts on Ocracoke
- Viewed free Safety webinar provided by Traveler's Insurance
- Received and reviewed Courthouse Safety Report from Sheriff's Association
- Department head meeting
  - Asked for input regarding performance appraisal system for County employees
- Local Government Management Fellow Conference call with ICMA
- POD Planning Session
- PIO Introductions/orientation
  - Health Department, Sheriff, County building and Water Dept
- Develop and distribute Christmas Party survey-so far we have received 25 responses
- Ocracoke for ferry meeting
- Decibel meter readings on Ocracoke with Deputy Mutro and SGT Daniels
- ICMA Local Government 101 course
  - o Webinar, readings and test
- Community Garden planning meeting
  - Met with Engelhard and Scranton garden leaders
  - o Phone interview with Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust
- Game plan next steps for Monitoring Firm RFP (only received one bid)
- Coordinate and plan Chairman and Commissioner visits to Volunteer Fire departments throughout County

Meeting Date: Presenter: Attachment:	January 4, 2016 County Manager Bill Rich Yes
ITEM TITLE:	UPDATE ON TOLLING FERRY ROUTES
SUMMARY:	Manager Rich will present update on tolling ferry routes.
RECOMMEND:	Discussion.

Motion Made By: Earl Pugh, Jr.	Motion Seconded By: Earl Pugh, Jr.	Vote:	Earl Pugh, Jr.
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Dick Tunnell	Dick Tunnell		Dick Tunnell
Ben Simmons	Ben Simmons		Ben Simmons
John Fletcher	John Fletcher		John Fletcher



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December 13, 2015

Bill Rich, County Manager County of Hyde 30 Oyster Creek Road P.O. Box 188 Swan Quarter, NC 27885

### Dear Bill,

This letter is in response to a request to support a "Resolution Requesting the Albemarle Regional Planning Organization to Delay Consideration of Tolling Ferry Routes".

Please make all those concerned well aware that I not only fully support this resolution to delay but, more strongly support NO TOLLING on ferry routes.

The negative financial impact on North Carolinians 12 months of the year in the effort to capture revenue from none North Carolinians four months of the year is a very poor process and we as North Carolinians can and should do much better. I have requested a full and complete updated report from our Ferry Division due to me in January that will define the appropriate dollars needed for a long term

replacement schedule for our ferry fleet. Upon receipt of that document I plan on working thru the process to direct funding to the department to remedy this issue once and for all. My ultimate goal is to have the Ferry Fleet be part of the current road system highway funding. At this time we, as North Carolinians, should be working closely together for the betterment of all our NC friends and neighbors and not to the contrary. The dollars needed for vessel replacement over a twenty year cycle, previously estimated at 5 million annually, is large personally but very manageable within a four billion dollar transportation budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond and articulate support for this important issue impacting all North Carolinians.

Representative John Torbett

Meeting Date: Presenter: Attachment:	January 4, 2016 Manager Bill Rich Yes
ITEM TITLE:	BUDGET MATTERS
SUMMARY:	Departmental budget revisions and amendments will be presented by department managers for Board discussion and approval.
	a) Health – BR10-22 – Family Planning State
RECOMMEND:	Discussion and approve budget revisions and amendments.
Dick 7	Pugh, Jr. Motion Seconded By:Earl Pugh, Jr. Vote:Earl Pugh, Jr. SwindellBarry SwindellDick TunnellDick Tunnell

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### HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 2015/2016 BUDGET REVISIONS

	-		MEETING DATE 1/4/2015			
				"+" EXP BUDGET "-" REV BUDGET		EXP BUDGET REV BUDGET
(FO USE) BR # OR IDT#	DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT#	LINE ITEM ACCOUNT NAME / EXPLANATION	DEBIT		CREDIT
10-22	Health	10-5950-7400	Health - Family Planning Equipment			
	Health	10-5950-0200	Salaries		\$`	1,130.60
	Health	10-5950-0600	Group Insurance		\$	281.86
	Health	10-5950-0500	FICA		\$	126.83
	Health	10-5950-0700	Retirement		\$	118.71
	Health	10-3480-0004	Health - Family Planning State	\$ 1,658.00		
				\$ 1,658.00	\$	1,658.00
			This BR reduces the Family Planning budget due to a reduction in funding to NC from the federal Maternal and Child Health Block Grant. Un-matched state funds were increased to offset some of the federal Block Grant reductions. This REDUCES the Health Department budget.			

APPROVED... CO MANAGER CO COMMISSIONER-CHAIR CLERK TO THE BOARD

ENTERED LEDGER/DATE\_\_\_\_

Meeting Date: Presenter: Attachment:	January 4, 2016 Chairman, Vice-Chair, Commissioners and Manager No
ITEM TITLE:	MANAGEMENT REPORTS
SUMMARY:	This is a time for each Commissioner to give reports on their work representing the County.
	Additionally, Commissioners may wish to bring up issues they wish to have followed up by the Board or by the County Manager.
	The County Manager will give an oral update on various projects and other administrative matters.
RECOMMEND:	Receive reports. Discussion and possible action as necessary.
Barry Dick T	Rugh, Jr. Motion Seconded By: Earl Pugh, Jr. Vote: Earl Pugh, Jr. Swindell Barry Swindell Barry Swindell Cunnell Dick Tunnell Dick Tunnell Immons Ben Simmons Ben Simmons

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### Manager's Calendar (December 2015)

		F
Т	1	Ferry to Hatteras
		Raleigh for Red Wolfe Committee Meeting
W	2	NC WRC
TH	3	
F	4	Hatteras
S	5	
S	6	
M	7	Board of Commissioners Meeting
Т	8	Staff Meeting
		Hyde Christmas Party
		Computer Repair - Don McLane
w	9	Met with David Howard
	_	Washington for Partnership for Sounds Meeting
		ОСВА
		POD Exercise - Melissa Sadler
TH	10	Phone Interview with Volkert - Bob Polk
		Policy Manual Meeting
F	11	Raleigh
S	12	
S	13	
M	14	
T	15	
W	16	Vacation
TH	17	
F	18	
S	19	
S	20	
M	21	Swan Quarter
		Met with Justin Gibbs and Gail Covington - Medical Examiner
Т	22	Office Party - "Snack & Graze"
		Conference Call with Kris, Ashton Godwin, Jamin and Rob
W	23	
TH	24	Christmas Holiday
F	25	·
S	26	
S	27	
M	28	Swan Quarter
Т	29	Dentist
		Ferry to Ocracoke
w	30	Oyster Roast
TH	31	Ocracoke Office
	-	Warren Judge, Earl and John
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**Meeting Date:** 

January 4, 2016

Presenter:

Citizens

Attachment:

No

ITEM TITLE:

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** 

**SUMMARY:** 

The public is invited to use this time to make comments to the County Commissioners on items discussed during this meeting and/or matters not

discussed earlier in the meeting.

**RECOMMEND:** 

Receive comments.

January 4, 2016 Board of Commissioners

Meeting Date: Presenter:

ITEM	TITLE:	CLOSED SESSION
SUMN	MARY:	The County Manager may request entering Closed Session in accordance with NCGS143A-318.11 (a)
1)	To prevent the	e disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law.
2)	To prevent the	e premature disclosure of an honorary award.
3)	To consult win	th an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the t privilege.
4)	To discuss ma	atters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses.
5)	To establish o contract for the employment of	r instruct the public body's staff or agent in negotiating the price or terms of a se acquisition of real property by purchase; or compensation and terms of an contract.
6)	appointment,	ne qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee public officer or employee.
7)	To plan, cond	uct, or hear reports concerning investigations of alleged criminal misconduct.
8)	To formulate j	plans by a local board of education relating to emergency response to incidents ence.
9)	To discuss and	d take action regarding plans to protect public safety.
RECO	MMEND:	Enter into Closed Session if required.
Motion M (Enter)	Dick T Ben Sir	Swindell Barry Swindell Barry Swindell
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**Meeting Date:** 

January 4, 2016

**Attachments:** 

Yes

ITEM TITLE:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

### **Department Reports**

- 1) Tax Department (requires signature)
- 2) Social Services
- 3) Human Resources
- 4) Health Department

#### **Informational Items**

- 1) Dare County Resolution Condemning Use of the Supplement Process for Southern Flounder
- 2) Dare County Resolution Requesting That The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Amend The Existing Federal Authorization To Be More Inclusive of The Entire Waterway At Hatteras Inlet And Its Connecting Channels
- 3) Currituck County Resolution Requesting the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization to Delay Consideration of Tolling Ferry Routes
- 4) Hyde County Resolution Establishing Regular Meeting Dates (approved 12-07-2015)
- 5) Letter from Mary D. Gibbs EMT's and Paramedics
- 6) News Nearly 40 Artists
- 7) News Christmas Open House
- 8) News Quarter Gardens Pilot Program

Hyde County DSS Programs Month of November 2015

	Active Cases	Applications	Reviews/Redetermination	Other Changes	
Income Maintenance Programs		Processed			
Medicaid	875	29	68		
Long Term Care MAA & MAD	37				
Food Stamps	509	37	51	16	
Work First	13	3	0		
Total					
Medicaid Transportation Program	Transported	Gas	Vouchers	Active Cases	Calls
Medicaid	27	76	ന	290	106
Dialysis	0	0	0	0	0
Title III	8	14	0	51	17
Total	30	06	3	341	123
Child Protected Services	Reports	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Request for Assistance	
				1	
Adult Services (Ongoing)	Active CAP Cases	At Risk/SA In Home			
Crisis Intervention	Applications Taken	Approved	Denied		
	28	25	33		
Medication Assistance	Applications Taken	Approved	Denied		
Daycare Services	Mainland	Ocracoke	out of county		
Cases	ч	0			
Children	4	0	-		

Reviews/Redetermination processed monthly
Cap cases have daily, weekly and monthly contacts
Reviews done every six months

Hyde County DSS Programs Month of November 2015

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Fishing License	-	4	
Christmas Cheer			
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Reviews/Redetermination processed monthly Cap cases have daily, weekly and monthly contacts Reviews done every six months

## HYDE COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT UNIT FY 2015-2016 STATISTICAL REPORT

	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	YTD	FY 2014-2015
total caseload	187	_		186	185									
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ESTABLISHMENT														
paternity tests performed	0	0	0	0	0							1000	0	0
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ENFORCEMENT														
income withholding				,									97.4	
collections	\$12,246	\$12,246 \$13,248	\$13,049	\$11,648	\$11,648 \$13,844								\$64,030	
interstate collections	\$1,492	\$1,553	\$2,025	\$2,230	\$1,675								\$8,974	\$30,448
court collections	\$950	\$1,410	\$2,160	\$823	\$1,500								\$6,843	
tax intercept collections	\$266	\$0	\$701	\$254	\$0			6					\$1,221	\$38,822
unemployment insurance														
collections	\$320	\$130	\$0	\$0	80								\$450	\$3,332
incentive collections*	\$0	\$0	\$147	\$186	\$484								\$817	
IV-E foster care collections	\$0	\$0	\$778	\$991	\$778								\$2,548	\$800
total collections	\$19,761	\$21,422	\$23,389	\$21,775	\$21,357				,				\$107,705	\$313,060
customers serviced while in														
the local office	0	2	9	7	2								17	35

\*incentives consist of :TANF Share, IV. E Share, SFHF Share, Incentive, Settlement funds, Tax Intercept Fees, Paternity Test Fees, and Legal Fees

# Child Support Services Services and Activities Report For the period December, 2015

During the month of November we received in excess of \$5,000 in child support payments as a result of administrative liens on a workmen's compensation claim. The payment in the amount of \$5,295.11 was made on a non-custodial parent's (NCP) Washington County cases. The NCP was in arrears in the amount of \$4,827.11 as of November 1, 2015, with current support due in each case as well.

This collection was the result of an administrative lien sent to an insurance company when the agency received information from the Insurance Commission regarding the potential claim. The process involves printing an administrative lien notice, and sending it to the insurance company with a certified copy of the order and an affidavit of arrears owed in the matter. As the attorneys settle the claim, they will notify the agency of the potential disbursement and will advise when settlement is completed.

We are anticipating during December another worker's compensation settlement payment in the amount of \$5,000 to be applied to a non custodial parent account with cases in Tyrrell County. We have been in communication with the attorney for the NCP and the industrial commission to confirm the payment is in process, and should arrive within the next week. This NCP has arrears in the amount of \$34,910.27. Payments are difficult to obtain without a court action against this NCP, so an administrative effort to produce a payment of \$5,000 is a productive action on part of the agency.

### **Human Resources Department Report – December 2015:**

- Verified information for vacation/sick leave for employees
- Completed longevity payroll
- Completed monthly payroll
- Generated the Human Resources employee newsletter
- Completed and processed monthly vouchers to pay employees' insurances, tax garnishments, child support payments, retirement, etc.
- Daily Tasks Assisted employees as necessary concerning hours worked, salary, insurance, benefits, deposit changes, etc.
- Assisted employees with retirement questions
- Enrolled one new employee
- Attended the Community Gardens Planning meeting
- Met with the Personnel Policy committee and continued revising the County's Personnel Policy
- Provided support for a FLMA issue
- Started Year-End balancing for Payroll related items

Respectively submitted,

Tammy Blake

Public Health and Home Health Monthly Sum
CLINICAL SERVICES
Family Planning
Maternal Health
Adult Health: Wellness/Primary Care/Chronic Disease/Telemedicine
BCCCP
Immunizations
Seasonal Flu Shots/Flu Mists
Adults
Children
STD Treatments
Communicable Disease Cases/Investigations
TB Treatments (Latent) & Skin Tests
Child Health (Wellness)
Child Health (Sick Care)
Rabies Treatments/Investigations**
Dental Varnishing
Lab Services
WIC (Women, Infant & Child Nutrition Assistance)
WIC – Mainland
Certifications
Mid-Certification Assessments
Pick-ups
Vendor Trainings
WIC – Ocracoke (Quarterly)
Certifications
Mid-Certification Assessments
Pick-ups
Vendor Trainings
PREGNANCY/EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES
Pregnancy Care Management (for healthy pregnacies and births)
Current Case Load
Contacts this Month
Attempts (No Contact)
Care Coordination for Children (for healthy children 0-5 years)
Current Case Load
Contacts this Month
Attempts (No Contact)
Family Connects (for healthy mother/child after birth)
MEDICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
New Patients Enrolled
Patients Served
New Requests

Reorder Requests
Medications Requested
Medications Received
Medications Delivered
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
Food and Lodging
F&L Inspections
F&L Visits
F&L Pre-Opening Visits
F&L Permits Issued
F&L Permits Suspended
F&L Suspensions Lifted
F&L Complaint Investigations
F&L Consults
General Sanitation
Vector Control
Animal Control
Health Education
On-Site Wastewater
Sites Visited/Evaluated
Improvement Permits Issued
Construction Authorizations
Other Authorizations
Consultative Contacts
Operation Permits Issued
Migrant Housing Inspections
On-Site Wells
Well Site Evaluated
Grouting Inspections
Well Site Construction Visits
Well Construction Permits Issued
Well Certificate of Completion
Bacteriological Samples Collected
Other Sample Collected
Well Consultative Contacts
HEALTH PROMOTION & EDUCATION

### KBR/Vidant Grants (Physical Activity & Nutrition Programming):

- HCS ESL Coordinators and Hispanic community stakeholders will be trained in KidSh families in the new year
- Afterschool programming is slated to begin in the new year, and will utilize the evid
- Worksite Wellness initiatives for county businesses/agencies are underway Walki
- Planning for regular community-based wellness programming underway
  - Two residents trained as fitness instructors, to begin holding classes free-of
  - Health Cooking Classes took place in Swan Quarter and Ponzer in Novembe

### Healthy Communities/Project Lazarus (Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention):

- Drug drop boxes for both sheriff's offices and naloxone for community agencies have
- Community agencies will be trained to utilize and dispense naloxone in new year
- A coalition specific to Ocracoke was formed in November

#### Hyde Partners for Health/Project Direct LEGACY for Men:

- Advisory Committee is working towards obtaining 501 (c) 3 status; have formed wo
- HCHD continues to support PDL as a community partner

#### Other:

- 2015 SOTCH Report due in March 2015
- Preparation for Radon Action Month in January began testing kits received
- PICH grant funds will be received again this year, and technical assistance will be re
- HCHD staff is involved in the "Quarter Garden" project, which will aim to support ex Quarter

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)
New Agencies/Community Groups Contacted
New Individuals Contacted
Agencies Visited/Community Group Meetings Attended
Total Applications Received for PPP
Contacts Trained to deliver PPP
Contacts Accredited in PPP
HYDELAND HOME CARE
Current Active Patients
Home Health Medicare
Home Health Medicaid
Home Health Private Insurance
Community Alternative Program (CAP)
Homemaker
Admissions
Discharges
Referrals Received
Referrals Not Admitted

mary Report - Nover	nber, 2015
<b>Current Month</b>	Year To Date
12	245
9	114
35	376
0	62
	133
	0
47	294
10	79
2	61
0	30
8	106
8	49
9	24
	2
	2
14	149
	0
15	268
5	93
24	274
	2
	0
	32
	13
	53
	0
4	11
14	44
2	12
17	39
80	233
15	43
3	10
0	10
9	227
1	34

6	176
7	207
7	177
6	172
	192
	81
	23
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	5 8
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	12
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	51

nape2.0 and begin implementing program with Spanish-speaking

lence-based program Youth Fit for Life ng Challenges to begin in the new year

-charge to residents in the new year

ve been purchased a received

rkgroup to undertake process in coming months

ceived from ARHS to form a Hyde County Farmer's Market xisting county community gardens and create a garden in Swan

2	106
1	150
0	46
0	105
0	68
2	65
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10	10
20	20
6	6
4	4
10	10
10	129
4	115
14	126
4	26



# A RESOLUTION CONDEMING THE ACTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION TO USE THE SUPPLEMENT PROCESS TO RESTRICT SOUTHERN FLOUNDER

WHEREAS, during their November 2015 meeting at Jennette's Pier, the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission (NCMFC) approved using a controversial "Supplement Process" to close down most of the state's fishing for southern flounder; and

WHEREAS, the established procedure for responsible fisheries governance is through the use of a Fisheries Management Plan (FMP), which is designed to incorporate peer reviewed science, stakeholder input, and other pertinent facts to establish fisheries policies in a deliberate, open, and transparent way; and

WHEREAS, instead of relying on a thoroughly vetted Amendment Process to the southern flounder Fisheries Management Plan, the NCMFC chose instead to invoke the use of the Supplement Process in spite of the fact that there is no scientific evidence to support such a drastic measure that will have draconian consequences; and

WHEREAS, when the NCMFC adopted the Supplement Process they violated and misued the statutory authority granted them in NCGS 113-182.1 which requires that the NCMFC provide a position on the supplement based on science from the Division of Marine Fisheries or from independent experts; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission also chose to ignore the will of the people as expressed in resolutions it received prior to their November meeting from the Counties of Bertie, Camden, Carteret, Currituck, Dare, Hyde, Pasquotank, and Tyrrell opposing the use of the Supplement Process to restrict southern flounder; and

WHEREAS, the arbitrary and capricious action taken by NCMFC at its November 2015 meeting threatens to harm North Carolina's commercial fishermen by depriving them of a traditional source of income that is fundamental to sustaining local economies throughout North Carolina's coastal communities without cause; and

WHEREAS, the Dare County Board of Commissioners stands ready to vigorously support our Working Watermen in their efforts to prevent the implementation of the Supplement Process and asks all coastal communities to join in this endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the Dare County Board of Commissioners calls on the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to determine if any changes are in fact needed for the southern flounder Fisheries Management Plan through the established Amendment Process whereby scientific and accurate stock assessment can properly be determined with the benefit of peer review and public input from all stakeholders including elected officials of coastal communities and commercial fishermen.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dare County Board of Commissioners strongly urges the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to immediately suspend the use of the Supplement Process for southern flounder and undertake a deliberate, thoughtful, and methodical review of the Fisheries Management Plan to determine what, if any, changes are needed based on peer reviewed science and stakeholder input.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dare County Board of Commissioners calls on all coastal communities to adopt similar resolutions supporting North Carolina's working watermen who vitally depend on the southern flounder fishery to provide jobs, generate incomes, provide a freshly caught public trust resource to the tables of North Carolina families, and bolster the economy of North Carolina.

This the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015

Robert Woodard, Chairman

Attest:

Gary Gross, Clerk to the Board



### A RESOLUTION

# REQUESTING THAT THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AMEND THE EXISTING FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE OF THE ENTIRE WATERWAY AT HATTERAS INLET AND ITS CONNECTING CHANNELS

WHEREAS, the waterway between Hatteras Island and Ocracoke Island, known as Hatteras Inlet and also known as Rollinson Channel, is a unique area in that it provides the only way for local watermen to get direct access to the Atlantic Ocean and for NCDOT to transport millions of people each year between Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands who, because there is no bridge, must travel between the two islands on ferry vessels; and

WHEREAS, the Hatteras Inlet waterway not only provides a direct channel to the Atlantic Ocean for commercial and recreational fishing vessels, it is the means of access for the United States Coast Guard to use when responding to potentially lifesaving ocean rescue missions; and

WHEREAS, Hatteras Inlet is subject to constantly shifting shoals and sandbars posing a clear and present danger for safe navigation between Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands and through the channel to the Atlantic Ocean that is known as the Hatteras Inlet Gorge; and

WHEREAS, the dangerous shoaling at Hatteras Inlet not only threatens the lives and property of commercial and recreational vessels it also jeopardizes the economy of the region by causing irreparable harm to charter boat operators, commercial fishing operations, seafood processing houses, marine repair facilities, and other local businesses on both Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands that depend on the Hatteras Inlet waterway; and

WHEREAS, because the most direct navigational route between Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands, known as the Connecting Route and also known as the old Ferry Route, cannot be used due to shoaling, local vessels and NCDOT ferries are forced to take a time consuming detour through a longer alternate route known as Barney Slough; and

WHEREAS, being forced to use the longer alternate route NCDOT has suffered an increase of nearly one million dollars in costs per year to provide ferry service between Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands; and

WHEREAS, the Dare County Board of Commissioners has been diligently seeking funding for proactive dredging to secure reliable and cost effective navigational access to enable our working watermen to get to the Atlantic Ocean and for our visitors to safely travel between Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands, both of which are vital to public safety and to sustain the economy of the region; and

WHEREAS, the current Federal Authorization used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was established in the 1940's with boundaries that are no longer relevant given the changes to the inlet over time which has resulted in an authorization that is restricted to only a small portion of the Connecting Channel just off the south end of Hatteras Island and does NOT include the entire Ferry Route to Ocracoke Island or the Hatteras Inlet Gorge to and including the Atlantic Ocean Bar; and

WHEREAS, if the existing Federal Authorization were amended to include the entire Connecting Route, also known as the old Ferry Route, and the Hatteras Inlet Gorge to and including the Atlantic Ocean Bar, as well as the current ferry channel also known as Barney Slough, it would provide the necessary authorization to allow dredging to be done in a comprehensive way that would encompass the entire area that is needed for our local watermen and the NCDOT Ferry Division.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dare County Board of Commissioners supports the request made by Senator Bill Cook for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to amend the existing Federal Authorization to be more inclusive of the entire waterway of the area that is known as Hatteras Inlet.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that for reasons of public safety and economic necessity the Dare County Board of Commissioners adds its urgent request that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers amend the existing Federal Authorization by expanding the coverage area to include all channels between Hatteras Island and Ocracoke Island and to also include the Inlet Gorge to and including the Bar for access to the Atlantic Ocean.

This the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015

Attest:

Gary Gross, Clerk to the Board

Robert Woodard, Chairman



### **COUNTY OF CURRITUCK**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** David L. Griggs, Chairman O. Vance Aydlett, Jr., Vice-Chairman S. Paul O'Neal Marion J. Gilbert Paul Beaumont Michael H. Payment Michael D. Hall

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Clerk to the Board

December 11, 2015

Mr. Earl Pugh, Jr. Chairman, Hyde County Commissioners PO Box 188 Swan Quarter, NC 27885

Dear Mr. Pugh,

The Currituck County Board of Commissioners, at its regular meeting on December 7, 2015, adopted the enclosed Resolution asking the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization to postpone consideration of ferry tolling until after the 2016 session of the General Assembly.

The purchase of new ferries is an onerous cost burden, the majority of which is borne by the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization's Division One counties. We are aware that alternative methods of funding for the purchase of replacement and backup ferries will be discussed at the state level and Currituck County wishes to afford legislators ample opportunity to develop, and perhaps implement, viable and sensible funding solutions that will hopefully shift this financial responsibility from Division One counties.

In an effort to allow for any outcome the General Assembly might put forward during its 2016 legislative session, the Currituck County Board of Commissioners respectfully asks for your support of our request that the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization delay consideration of ferry tolling.

Sincerely,

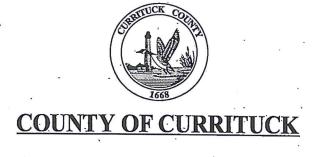
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Chairman

Cc: Currituck County Board of Commissioners

Enclosure



# RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ALBEMARLE RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO DELAY CONSIDERATION OF TOLLING FERRY ROUTES

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina General Assembly adopted the Strategic Transportation Investment (STI) law in 2013; and,

**WHEREAS**, the STI law, also established a method for prioritizing transportation projects, the Strategic Mobility Formula, which is a new way of allocating available revenues based on data-driven scoring and local input.

**WHEREAS**, the Strategic Mobility Formula funds projects in three categories: Statewide Mobility, Regional Impacts and Division Needs; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Mobility Formula dictates that new and replacement ferry vessels and ferry support vessels can only be considered under the Division Needs category; and,

WHEREAS, the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization is within the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Division One and NCDOT Division One hosts more North Carolina ferry routes and vessels than any other Division along the coast; and,

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Ferry Division has determined the costs of ferry vessel replacements for Division One to be \$192,000,000; and,

WHEREAS, NCDOT Division One is scheduled to receive roughly \$30,000,000, in the Division Needs Category, per year in Strategic Transportation Investment funding to fund Highway, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Aviation, and Ferry projects within its fourteen County region; and,

WHEREAS, inclusion of new and replacement ferry vessels and ferry support vessels in the Division Needs category will place an undue financial burden on all NCDOT Division One transportation projects; and,

WHEREAS, tolling the ferry routes does not generate the necessary funding to acquire new and replacement ferry vessels and ferry support vessels and will still require consideration under the STI.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Currituck County Board of Commissioners request that the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization refrain from considering tolling ferry routes until the 2016 session of the North Carolina General Assembly has an opportunity to explore and consider alternate funding sources for new and replacement ferry vessel and ferry support vessels.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Currituck County Board of Commissioners are requesting that all the members of the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization support this endeavor.

Currituck County Chairman

ADOPTED this 7th day of December, 2015.

Clerk to the Board

**Board of Commissioners** 

Barry Swindell, Chair Earl Pugh, Jr., Vice-chair **Ben Simmons** John Fletcher ick Tunnell

### COUNTY OF HYDE

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Fred Holscher **County Attorney** 

Lois Stotesberry, CMC, NCCCC Clerk to the Board



Resolution No. 2015-12-07

### RESOLUTION OF THE HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISHING REGULAR MEETING DATES

WHEREAS, pursuant to NCGS 153A-40, the Hyde County Board of Commissioners have elected to adopt a meeting schedule by resolution so that its members and the public may know when Regular meetings of the Board are to be held;

WHEREAS, the Hyde County Board of Commissioners adopted Rules of Procedure on February 4, 2013, calling for Regular meetings on the first Monday of each month, or as otherwise provided;

WHEREAS, nothing in this Resolution shall preclude the Hyde County Board of Commissioners from holding Special or Emergency meetings as such may be allowed by law;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to begin all calendar year 2016 Regular Board Meetings at 6:00 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, the Hyde County Board of Commissioners utilizes an electronic meeting system for the simultaneous audio and/or video conduct of Regular meetings on both the Mainland and Ocracoke, the sites of such electronic meetings being as follows unless an alternative location is posted on the door of the meeting site:

- "Government Center" means the Multi-Use Room in the Government Center, 30 Oyster Creek Road, Swan Quarter, NC.
- "Ocracoke" means the Commons Area, Ocracoke School, 1 Schoolhouse Road, Ocracoke, NC,
- \* means the meeting date is on Tuesday.

WHEREAS, the Hyde County Board of Commissioners, at its Organizational Meeting on December 7, 2015, unanimously moved to call for Regular meetings on the first Monday of each month, or as otherwise provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hyde County Board of Commissioners adopts the following schedule for regular Board meetings:

> January 4, 2016 July 5, 2016 \* February 1, 2016 August 1, 2016 March 7, 2016 September 6, 2016 \* April 4, 2016 October 3, 2016 May 2, 2016 November 7, 2016 June 6, 2016 December 5, 2016

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk is hereby directed to post a copy of this Resolution on the courthouse bulletin board and to publish a summary in the Coastland Times newspaper on or before December 30, 2015.

Duly adopted this the _7 <sup>th</sup> _ day of	December , 2015.
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Chair, Hyde County Board of Commission	ers
ATTEST:	
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### Mary D. Gibbs 23105 US Hwy 264 Swan Quarter, NC 27885

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### Hyde County Paramedics and EMTs,

I am writing to you to express my appreciation for the way the paramedics and EMTs treated me when I fell ill on Monday, November 30, 2015. I really want to let you know that I appreciate the excellent and caring service that I received. The paramedics were careful and considerate of me. At the time, I did not realize the severity of my condition, but I am truly grateful to the paramedics because they knew how to handle the situation without letting me know dangers of an allergic reaction. I am truly grateful to have such caring paramedics in Hyde County. As a resident of Hyde County, we are truly blessed to have such great and talents paramedics and EMTs. Again, thank you and your staff for dedication and professionalism.

Sincerely,

Mary D. Gibbs

# HYDE COUNTY news

Marketing strategies





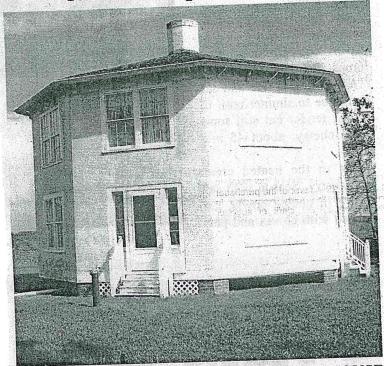
NEARLY 40 ARTISTS, small business owners, and budding entrepreneurs convened on Ocracoke Island recently for a marketing workshop led by Linda Rozelle, a former president of the NC Chamber of Commerce.

A marketing expert, Rozelle has a passion for helping artisans craft their identity. The two-day workshop included tips on pricing, working with wholesale purchasers, and craft markets.

During the Friday session Rozelle gave direct feedback to each participant. Several participants adjusted their advertising materials over the course of the workshop.

The marketing workshop is part of a larger collaboration between Beaufort County Community College and Hyde County to foster business development on Ocracoke Island. Hyde County is also working with BCCC to establish a learning center at the Hyde Davis Business Center in Engelhard. (photos courtesy Hyde County Public Information Office)

## Christmas Open House



HYDE COUNTY'S HISTORIC OCTAGON HOUSE (ca. 1855) will be open on Sunday, December 13, between 2 and 4 p.m. to celebrate the Christmas season. The house will be decorated for the holidays by members of area churches; music and carol singing will add to the festivities. All are invited to this free event and an opportunity to see the eight-sided architectural structure in Hyde County. As part of the celebration, jars from a limited edition of Mattamuskeet apple butter will be available for sale along with bags of the Mattamuskeet apples, many of them from the first harvest of the orchard in the front yard of the Octagon House. All proceeds go towards maintenance and repair of the historic house. The Octagon House is located at 30868 U.S. Highway 264 East near Engelhard. (courtesy photo by Juergen Boerema)

## Hyde County announces Quarter Gardens pilot program

From Hyde County

The winter months are settling in but spring is just around the corner, and it's never too early to start planning a spring garden! Hyde County is interested in hearing from residents and their community groups on the need and importance of community gardens in their respective towns. A community garden is any piece of land gardened by a group of people. Community gardens are as varied as the neighborhoods in which they are located. Each is developed to meet the needs of the people who come together to grow fruits, vegetables, flowers, herbs and other plants on common ground. Community gardens bring people together. They provide fresh fruits and vegetables for the gardeners, or the produce may be donated to the hungry. Some focus on education or on nutrition and exercise, while others may sell what they grow for income. Some simply provide a place to share the love

of being out-of-doors and gardening.

The Quarter Gardens is a community garden pilot program sponsored by Hyde County to utilize grant funding, volunteers and county resources to provide fresh produce in Swan Quarter and other Hyde County townships. The details of the program are still being worked out, but the program has a highly motivated and energetic group of community leaders who are laying the groundwork for this project.

Now the program needs to hear from residents. Are you a potential volunteer for a Community Garden Committee who will guide and assist in this program or are you currently working on a community garden project? Do you have a green thumb and gardening experience and would like to volunteer to establish and maintain the gardens? Are you interested in learning how to garden or would you and/ or your organization or church like to utilize



the community garden or sponsor a box? Would you be willing and able to donate garden and box building supplies, dirt, seeds, fertilizer, pesticides and herbicides, or time? Whatever your interest level, let Quarter Gardens know now in the planning stages to be included in this opportunity to grow Hyde County communities. Spring will be here before we know it.

Contact Will Doerfer, Hyde County manager's office, at 252-926-4179 or wdoerfer@hydecountync. gov to get more information and to get involved in this initiative.

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Full Scale Point of Dispensing (POD) Exercise

Full Scale Point of Dispensing (POD) Exercise is scheduled January 5, 2016 at Mattamuskeet Early College High School, 20392 U.S. Highway 264, Swan Quarter from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Lunch provided.

Your contribution to these exercises is vital to our success. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Misty Gibbs at (252) 542-0358 or via email at mgibbs@hyde health.com.